photo by Virginia Tech

Ten Years – Posing for a group picture after receiving U. S. Department of Agriculture 10-year certificate and pins for their service to the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service are, front row, from left, M. Cary Tomlinson Jr., Southeast Distriet Agent, Windsor; Rudolph Powell, Virginia State College 4-H Extension Leader; James J. Dunford, Culpeper County Extension Agent; second row, from left, Edward A. Haynes, Cumberland County Extension agent; Sarah U. Bane, Halifax County Extension agent; Willie W. Schmidt, Chesterfield County Extension agent; Betty J. Minton, Nelson County Extension agent; Randal W. Jackson, Virginia Beach Extension agent; Janette K. Newhouse, Tazewell County Extension agent; Justine S. Jones, Brunswick County Extension agent; Mary H. Osborn, Middlesex County Extension agent; Judy B. Burtner, Frederick County Extension agent; Glen H. Mitchell, Virginia Tech consumer education Extension specialist; back row, from left, Wilbert H. Lawrence, Southampton County Extension agent; Richard A. Nunnally, Chesterfield County Extension agent; Robert D. Goerger, Isle of Wight Extension agent; William E. Chappell, TEch plant physiology Extension specialist; Gary P. Dingus, Dickinson County Extension agent; Raymond L. Simms, Spotsylvania County Extension agent; H. Russell Martin, Scott County Extension agent; Frank H. Sweet, Appomattox County Extension agent; and Clifton W. Davis, New Kent County Extension agent. Not pictured are: Richard F. Booker, Virginia State 4-H Extension leader; and Spencer E. Tinsley, Bedford County Extension agent. The presentations took place at the annual Virginia Extension Conference at Virginia Tech.

Lina Trent

Paul Kvasnicka

Career Awareness

The second grade classes at Appomattox Primary School are involved in a unit of study of career awareness. They have participated in field trips and have heard speakers from various areas of employment. Pictured above are Miss Lina Trent, hostess for Piedmont Airlines; and Mr. Paul Kvasnicka, a state trooper.

Driver Killed in Appomattox

An Appomattox man died almost instantly after losing control of his vehicle, hitting a fence and tree and flipping over south of here Sunday afternoon.

The dead man was identified by state policer as Willie Arthur Jones, 48, of Route 1, Appomatox.

Trooper L. K. Webber said Jones was apparently driving at a high rate of speed on Route 727 near its intersection with Route 642 when he lost control.

Jones went off the road, climbed an embankment, struck a fence, then a tree which flipped the car over and threw the victim out of the vehicle, Webber said.

Jones was the lone occupant of the vehicle, said Webber.

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Covered Dish Supper For Pamplin A.A.R.P. Members

Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. the Pamplin Chapter of American Association of Retired Persons will be able to enjoy a covered dish supper. The meeting and supper will be held at the Pamplin Charge United Methodist Church in the fellowship hall.

New members are always welcome, so plan to come and join the group.

We all hope to meet you there.

RETIRED TEACHERS TO MEET JUNE 26TH

The Appomattox County retired teachers will meet for a luncheon on Tuesday, June 26th, at 12:30 p.m. at St. Anne's Episcopal Church.

Following the luncheon the group will hear a guest speaker and new officers will be installed.

Adult Bible School Class at New Hope

A Bible School Class for adults during Vacation Bible School will be offered by the New Hope Baptist Church, Vera, Virginia, for the first time this summer. The class is scheduled along with other classes for youth during Bible School Week which will begin Sunday night, June 17 and end Thursday night, June 21. Class will begin each night for the five day session at 6:30 p.m. and last until 9:00.

Topics for the week will center around the general theme "How Jesus Dealt With People." Specific topics for each night will be as follows:

Sunday The Challenging Jesus
Monday The Trusting Jesus
Tuesday The Enlightening Jesus
Wednesday The Reassuring Jesus
Thursday The Accepting Jesus

Adults of New Hope Baptist Church and the community are invited to attend. Richard B. Carter will serve as the instructor for the class. Activities for each class will include Bible study, discussion, work assignments, group activities, and refreshments.

Come out to learn, enjoy, and participate in a new adventure in Christian education.

BIBLE SCHOOL PLANNED AT TRINITY

Vacation Bible School at Trinity United Methodist Church will be held each night beginning June 11th and continuing through June 15th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The theme for the week will be "I am His and He is Mine."

Bible study and crafts will be offered from nursery age through youth.

You are invited to come and bring a friend.

Michael Quinn Graduates

BLACKSBURG - Michael L. Quinn, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Quinn, Jr. of Appomattox graduated cum laude from Virginia Tech's College of Business on June 9.

To achieve this academic distinction, a student must have an average of 3.4 or better on a 4.0 scale.

Quinn majored in management.

Receives Degree

Thomas Banks Wheeler, of Appomattox, received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management at the 107th annual commencement at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg on Saturday, June 9.

Tommy was a member of the Delta Sigma Pi Fraternity while at Va. Tech.

A graduate of Appomattox County High School, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben D. Wheeler of Route 2, Appomattox.

Attending the commencement exercises from Appomattox were Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wheeler, Miss Gail Layne and Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Gordon of Richmond.

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Father Darkleaf

BY CALVIN R. ROBINSON

Official "arrivals" are often marked by band music, tooting of trumpets, review of troops, welcome speeches and assorted ceremonies. And applause. This week we herald the arrivals of SUMMER. Days of sunshine will replace dreary weather and Appomattox is ready. There is an old Kentucky saying that "even a blind hog rooting in the woods will find an acorn now and then" so let us make Summer of '79 something special.

Around town . . saw a row of marigolds in bloom alongside a walk at the Church Street middle school. And daylilies in bloom all over. Anytime now we will hear of the first garden ripe tomatoes. Growing weeds and honeysuckle, islands of constancy in a flowing world. From bushhogs to tillers to the garden hoe, we answer the call of the outdoors.

Many years ago the program of movies at the Lee Theatre on Church Street, Appomattox, was varied by a live performance on the small stage. I remember one such. "Sunshine Sue" and her husband, John "Sugarfoot" Workman, were the guest stars. From Ashland, Virginia, she starred at The Old Dominion Barn Dance at the WRVA Theater, Richmond, the first woman emcee of a radio show and widely known as "the queen of the hillbillies." Mrs. Workman died last week at a Richmond hospital. She was 67.

Capt. Hiram V. Boone, veteran State Police official, will retire August 1, after thirty-three years of service. He commanded the Appomattox based 3rd Division from September 1969 to April 1971. He is a native of Marion, Virginia.

Had a pleasant chat with Johnny Valentine and Ken Ramsey, who are working on the lines for cable TV in and around Appomattox. Johnny is from near Williamsport, Pa. and was telling me of his excellent library.Ken is from Pamplin and graduated from ACHS. Johnny has a son studying to be a doctor.

Carter Coleman hails from Lexington, Virginia and is eight months old. His father, Ken H. Coleman, brought him to see me Saturday and it "made our day." He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ken E. Coleman and greatgrandson of Mrs. Gladys Johnson. I have set aside a new baseball for him.

Find time to read a good book every week or so. Plenty of them in our local library. Maybe over my head, but am re-reading Plato's Republic, a masterpiece some 2,400 years old.

Lots of youth activities going on, many of them part of church programs. Summer camping is special. Holiday Lake is increasing in area use and soon there will be family reunions and such. Join in.

Ah yes, I do not keep up with what song titles are most popular with our fine young folk, but I made a long list of my old favorites. Such as . . How Come You Do Me Like You Do Do Do, The Sheik of Araby, Dardanella, Pagon Love Song, Bye Bye Blackbird, Tea For Two, Yes Sir That's My Baby and that all great song, Stardust.

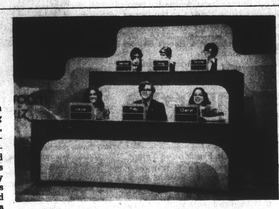
Help Appomattox grow and prosper. Thanks for reading and seeya next week.

LITTLE LEAGUE FOOTBALL MEETING SET FOR JUNE 22

There will be a meeting Friday, June 22, at 7:30 p.m. at the Hillcrest Branch of Fidelity American Bank concerning Little League Football.

Discussion will be on coaches, uniforms and game rule changes.

Anyone interested is urged to attend. Your help is needed.



4-H Teen Leaders on Klassroom Kwiz

The Appomattox 4-H Teen Leader Club will appear on WBBJ-TV's Klassroom Quiz Monday evening, June 25, at 7:30 p.m. Their appearance will mark the eighth consecutive year that a 4-H group from Appomattox has participated in the program.

Team members will be Laurie McLean, Philip Jacobs and Cheryl Walton. Alternates are Mary Dyess and Lisa Moore.

Make plans to watch to watch as these 4-H'ers try to unseat the champions.

Revitalizing Downtown

Appomattox Progresses

The face of downtown Appomattox is changing. Slowly, maybe, but surely.

Lynchburg is not the only Central Virginia municipality concerned with revitalizing its downtown business area. The town of Appomattox is about to finish the second phase of a three segment downtown redevelopment plan drafted about five years ago.

It's on a much smaller scale than such plans for Lynchburg, but Appomattox is a small town and one of the ideas for the ultimate product of the plan, according to town manager W. R. Britton, Jr., is to keep the small town's atmosphere.

The final phase of the plan, although one that may have to wait a while for the resolution of some of the town's pressing current problems, is a feature in vogue among large cities.

Appomattox is looking toward a downtown mall.

The engineering and planning department of Virginia Tech started the downtown plan at the town's request in 1973, Britton said.

"The first portion was to provide parking, the second, to provide an alternate for transportation, travel through the town of Appomattox, and three, to develop the downtown mall."

The first phase was accomplished with the help of a $96,000 grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development received in 1976.

The town chipped in $15,000 of its own, and construction started in 1977. Some buildings, the biggest an old hotel, were demolished to make way for a parking lot near the downtown, businesses. Also in that project were drainage improvements, the widening of Lee Street near the parking lot and construction of sidewalks.

As soon as the project was begun, right-of-way acquisition was begun for its second phase, Britton said. That step "is to acquire a 50-foot right of way on Harrell Street," which parallels Main Street, between Lee and Church Streets, the approximate boundaries of Appomattox's "downtown."

All necessary rights-of-way have been acquired and the street is expected to be widened this year.

The town is now in the process of relocating "telephone poles, Vepco lines, things like that," to provide the state highway department is a right-of-way with no encroachments. "The town will pay for the concrete used in sidewalks" and driveways, Britton said.

"No houses have to come down. We've had to take down the old town office and had to purchase one storage building from the telephone company, plus we had to abandon one alley and reopen a new alley.

Cost of the rights-of-way acquisition needed to widen Harrell Street from 30 to 50 feet "is a hard figure to determine," the town manager said, because "most of the rights-of-way were donated, several were bought and several involved bargaining," whereby the landowner agreed to give land, for example, if the town would put up new fences or open a new alley to replace one being closed.

The new street, when completed, will be a state route. Because county supervisors included that project on their priority list for highway construction work, he explained, the state will do the widening.

Britton said there is no timetable, "but we hope for the work to be finished by the end of August or early September."

When this phase is done, "the next thing to do would be to begin the third step - the downtown mall."

But, the administrator noted, "Council has not addressed this," and "it's not on top of their priority list right now. Water and sewer top the priority list, for sure."

When the town commissioners start planning to begin, councilmen weren't facing the current water and sewer problems, Britton said, "and they weren't facing the possibility of as large a debt as they are now."

This summer Appomattox town voters will decide in a referendum whether or not to pay for an expansion of the town's sewage treatment plant which can be financed partly through a federal grant.

"On the mall itself, we aren't saying 'Come to the Mall' because Town Council hasn't said we'll do the mall," Britton said.

He emphasized the three phases in the plan were not dependent on one another to be of benefit to the community. "Parking has been a real problem," for example, so mall or not, the new parking lot has helped.

Traffic congestion also has probably kept some people away from downtown, Britton said, so the latest phase of the plan also will help. "You would not necessarily have to do all three to help the downtown area. Each portion would do that by itself.

"In other words one phase doesn't cause the other. And that's the way it was planned from the beginning."

Nevertheless, plans have been drawn indicating a block closed to traffic by the town's old railroad depot and full of attractions like a sidewalk cafe, small shops, benches and shrubs, perhaps even a fountain.

But if the mall does come about, it will not represent too drastic a change, Britton said. "They hope the facial appearance of it would be traditional downtown Appomattox.

"It's always been a trade center, always been the place where people congregate. The plan is not to do anything that hasn't already been done. Just to continue it.

Martin Retires From Welfare Board

Rawlings Clayton Martin, center above, is shown receiving certificate of appreciation from J. M. Cobb, board member, as Richard Robinson, board member on left, looks on.

Martin attended his last meeting of the Board of Public Welfare Monday, June 18th, having served on this board from February 17, 1970 to June 30, 1979. As a board member, Martin served as a caring person with a desire to create and promote the physical, emotional, economic, and social welfare of the citizens of this county.

In presenting the certificate, members of the Board of Public Welfare for Appomattox County and the staff members of the Department of Social Services expressed their regard and esteem for Rawlings Clayton Martin.

APPOMATTOX COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD RESPONDS TO 50 CALLS IN MAY

During the month of May, the volunteer members of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad responded to a total of 50 calls. In doing so they traveled a total of 1,934 miles and spent 243½ manhours. Twelve persons were monitored on the EKG machine en route to the hospital and 4 persons required oxygen.

A breakdown of the calls is as follows: abdominal pains, 1; automobile accidents, 4; breathing difficulty, 4; broken bones, 1; call canceled, 2; chest pains, 6; heart attacks, 7; DOA, 1; strokes, 2; falls, 4; overdose, 1; bee sting, 1; nose bleed, 4; convulsions, 1; fainting, 1; drowning, 1; illness, 2; and transport per doctor request, 5.

CPR training for the squad members totaled 4 hours and 21 miles.

Town Receives $1.4 Million Grant For Regional Waste Water Facility

The Town of Appomattox has received $1.4 million grant from The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State Water Control Board for a new regional waste water facility.

Council is deliberating possible methods of financing the local share of costs of the facility.

The Water Pollution Control Act has changed the requirements and has raised sewerage permit limits.

EPA and the State Water Control Board have mandated to the Town of Appomattox that they shall build a new regional waste water facility.

EPA and the State Water Control Board have also mandated the placement of this new facility. The area to be served, because of the mandate, is approximately eight (8) times the size of the town.

The site is at the confluence of Falling River and Caldwell Creek.

EPA and the State Water Control Board will provide 75% of the cost of the sewerage treatment plant, approximately $1.4 million, as grant money to the Town of Appomattox. The Town will have to provide approximately $500,000.00 for its 25% part of the sewerage treatment plant cost.

The Town of Appomattox will also have to provide the cost of land acquisition, right-of-way acquisition, and easement. The total cost is not known but at this time the Town is in the process of acquiring options for properties involved.

Other solutions to this problem are being investigated by the Town at this time.

As more information becomes available, it will be published in the TIMES-VIRGINIAN as soon as possible.

For further information, you may contact W. R. Britton, Jr., Appomattox Town Manager, phone 352-8268.

Walton Speaks at Oakville Ruritan Club

On June 7, 1979 Lloyd G. Walton, Superintendent of Appomattox County Schools, spoke to the Oakville Ruritan Club.

Walton talked primarily about special programs which help physically and mentally handicapped students as well as gifted students. These programs are partially funded by the state and federal government. They have greatly improved the quality of education for special students in Appomattox County.

Irene Ellis

EXTENSION OFFICE WELCOMES SUMMER TRAINEE

The Appomattox County Extension Office welcomes as a Summer Trainee Miss Irene Ellis, a rising Senior at VPI&SU. Irene is majoring in Home Economics with emphasis in Clothing, Textiles and Related Arts and will graduate in June, 1980. A native of Buckingham County, Irene had an outstanding record while attending Buckingham County High School and is an outstanding rising Senior at VPI&SU. While at VPI, Irene is a member of the Alumni 4-H Club, serving as its president in 1978. She received a $500 Founders Scholarship in Home Economics. She is an Alpha Gamma Rho Little Sister, a member of the Wesley Foundation Singers, Co-Editor of the Wesley Foundation Newsletter and presently is serving as Secretary. She was recently awarded a $200 scholarship which is given annually by the VHEA to a student member. One of her outstanding accomplishments has been serving as State 4-H President during 1976-77.

Irene has been actively involved in her community and church groups in Buckingham County. She has also served as Recreation Leader on teh 4-H Summer Staff at Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center.

The Appomattox Extension Staff welcomes this outstanding young lady to our county as she works with 4-H'ers and homemakers this summer.

U.D.C. To Meet

The Appomattox Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will meet on Thursday, June 21, at 6 o'clock for a covered dish supper at the Smith Picnic House.

The birthday of Jefferson Davis will be commemorated and the district chairman will be present.

Harold Wyatt will present a program.

As this is the last meeting of the year, a large attendance of members is anticipated and guests are welcome.

SCHOOL BOARD TO MEET JUNE 26th

A special meeting of the Appomattox County School Board is scheduled for Tuesday, June 26, 1979, at 3:00 p.m. in the board Room on Main Street in Appomattox.

This is a final meeting of the 1978-79 fiscal year.

APPOMATTOX FFA RECOGNIZED

The Appomattox Senior FFA Chapter completed a successful trip to the state FFA convention in Blacksburg, Virginia during the week of June 12 - 15. Fifteen members and four Advisors travelled to the VPI&SU campus and participated in judging contests, business sessions, and award ceremonies.

The Chapter was represented by four judging teams. The Horticulture team placed tenth in state competition. Team members were Dennis Stratton, Jill Walton, Sherry Overton, Richard Jones, Sharon Overton, and Ralph Totty. Placing fifth in the Farm Business Management Contest were team members Duane Blanks, Phil Paulette, and David Stratton. The Agricultural Mechanics team of Roger Walton, Robert Harding, and Mark Paulette placed eighth. In Crops Judging, the Appomattox team was declared state winners. Team members were Kevin Moore, Dale Garrett, and Ray Cheatham.

In competition among the 236 chapters in the State, Appomattox was recognized as the first place chapter in the Building Our American Communities Program. Appomattox was named the second place chapter in the state in the Chapter Contest which considers all chapter activities.

David Stratton, Chapter President, was selected to serve the Virginia Association of FFA as Secretary for the coming year. Advisors of the Appomattox Senior FFA Chapter are James Burcher, Albert Carter, William Perrow, and Bobby Waddell.

Pamplin Community Center To Host Softball Tourney

The Pamplin Community Center will host a men's softball tournament starting Friday evening at 7 p.m. and continuing through Sunday afternoon.

Fifteen teams are expected to take part in the event. Trophies will be awarded.

AMERICAN LEGION TEAM TO PLAY THIS WEEK END

American Legion Post 104 Team will play Farmville Post 123 here on June 23, Saturday, at 3 p.m. They will play Big Island Post 217 on Sunday, June 24th, at 3 p.m. at Appomattox.

The public is invited to attend.

Cont'l Telephone Plans To Expand And Improve Amhest Area Service

Continental Telephone of Virginia plans to spend $1.3 million in 1979 to expand and improve its services in the Amherst service area.

"Much of the money is being spent to eliminate maintenance problems and improve service," said Tom Phelps, Customer Service Manager, Amherst. "So far this year, we've spent $364,000 on routine projects, such as, repairing damaged cable and poles and adding facilities for new customers."

Many miles of new cable will be installed this year. Some of the cable will be aerial but most will be buried. We're replacing cable which gives us problems during summer storms, "Phelps explained. He added that the new cable will be more protected from lightning, wind and rain.

The Amherst service area of Continental telephone of Virginia includes the exchanges of Appomattox, Pamplin, Amherst, Gladstone, Allwood, Sweet Briar, Raphine, New Castle, Newport and Paint Bank and serves 9,725 customers.

Continental Telephone of Virginia is the second largest telephone company in Virigina and the largest independent telephone company operating in the state. The company services 300,000 telephones in 92 exchanges, covering 25 percent of the state's population.

Captain Hiram V. Boone To Retire August 1

RICHMOND - Captain Hiram V. Boone, commander of the Division of Investigation for the Virginia State Police, has announced that he will retire effective August 1.

Boone, 58, has guided the Division of Investigation since its inception in July 1974.

"I joined the Department in October 1946," said Boone, "because I felt it would be a rewarding experience and something which I would like to do. I must say it has been all this and more. I have enjoyed my work including the contact and association with numerous law enforcement officials in the Commonwealth and all over the Nation.

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STRATTON ELECTED SECRETARY STATE FFA ASSOCIATION

Appomattox FFA member David Stratton, was elected Secretary of the Virginia FFA Association, last week at the 53rd Annual State FFA Convention. David will be serving the Virginia FFA Association for the next year. David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Stratton.

NIGHT OF SKATING PLANNED FOR BILLY WINSTON

A Special Night of Skating for Billy Winston will be held Monday, June 25th, from 7 to 10 p.m. All proceeds will go to help defray the expenses for the frequent visits Billy Winston has to make to the Apoxy Clinic in Mexico.

Tickets may be purchased at the door for $2.00 or in advance from Bonnie Pankey, Vicki Lucado, Cindy Thomas or any Delta Zeta Chapter member.

State Winners in Crops Judging

The Appomattox Senior FFA Crops team was first place winner in state competition last week. Team members are Kevin Moore, Dale Garrett, and Ray Cheatham. These FFA members and their coach, Albert Carter will be awarded a trip to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri this November.